i.e. they would be issued rail travel coupon books at 25% concession in First Class and 50% concession in Second/ Sleeper Class for travel upto 2500 Kms. per month on bonafide professional work, if residing within 25 Kms. of the concerned District Headquarter. Those who possess first class coupon books are also entitled to purchase tickets for airconditioned classes within the limits prescribed for First Class. This facility will come into effect from 15.08.1997.

[English]

Shifting of Electrification Office

2506. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the railway electrification office from Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether South Central Railways trade unions are agitating for retaining of the electrification office at Vijayawada; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the electrification work of Vijayawada-Vishakhapatnam section has since been completed. Consequently, the work load of the project has got reduced considerably and the project office at Vijayawada has to be operated at a reduced level consistment with the work load. Representations have been received from S.C. Railway Trade Unions, and efforts are being made to minimise disturbance to the existing staff.

[Translation]

Installation of H.P.T. in the country

2507. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to install High power transmitters within the present frame work during the Ninth Five Year Plan in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to incur on it;

(d) the number of persons likely to be benefited from this scheme; and

(e) the target fixed for installing transmitters during Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (e) While the Ninth Plan proposals of Doordarshan have not yet been approved, sixteen High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) projects of varying power are presently under implementation in the country. The requisite details are given in the attached statement. The total approved capital cost of the sixteen HPT projects presently under implementation is Rs. 105.33 crores. Whereas a High Power (10KW-VHF) TV Transmitter is expected to provide TV service to a population residing within a radial distance of 120 km., the HPTs operating on 5KW-UHF/1KW-VHF power are expected to provide TV service upto a radial distance of 60 km. The above coverage ranges are inclusive of fringe service areas where elevated antenna and boosters are required for receiving satisfactory service.

Statement

List of High Power TV transmitter projects of varying power presently under implementation in the country

Type of Transmitter	Power of Transmitter	Location
(i) HPTs(VHF)	10 KW-permanent set ups	Rajamundry, Bhuj, Calicut, Barmer.
(ii) HPTs (VHF)	10 KW	Baleshwar, Sambalpur, Fazilka, Gulbarga, Jodhpur, Mussoorie (DD 2).
(iii) HPT (VHF)	1 KW	Hyderabad (DD2) Bangalore (DD2) Hassan, Churanchandpur, Banda
(iv) HPT (UHF)	5 KW	Kathua

[English]

Dispute Regarding Claim in Power Project

2508. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any dispute between Rajasthan, Haryana & Punjab regarding claim in power projects of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;